



City of Detroit

COUNCILMAN SCOTT R. BENSON

MEMORANDUM

TO: David Whitaker, Director, LPD
FROM: Scott Benson, City Council District 3

CC: Hon. Gabirela Santiago Romero, Chair, Public Health and Safety
Standing Committee
Hon. Janice Winfrey, City Clerk
Malik Washington, Mayor's Liaison

VIA: Council President Mary Sheffield
DATE: 21 July 2023

**RE: REQUEST FOR REPORT ON CITY INVESTMENT IN THE
DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

In an effort to evaluate and better understand the financial support and engagement of the City with cultural and historical institutions, I am requesting that LPD work in conjunction with the administration to prepare a comprehensive report detailing the City's investment into the Detroit Historical Society over the past 20 years.

The report should include, but not be limited to, the following details:

1. The total amount of financial investment made by the City
2. Breakdown of the investment by year
3. The types of programs or initiatives that these investments supported
4. The impact of these investments on the society's operations and programs

This report will enable us to gain a clearer understanding of the City's historical and current commitment to this valuable institution and help inform potential future collaborations and support.

Please facilitate the necessary steps for this request as soon as possible. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at 313-224-1198.

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